

**Mayor Greg Hines delivered the State of the City Address in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting. (Included with the minutes)**

**MINUTES**

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Jim Dixon, Chaplin of Benton County Sheriff's Office. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no comments from anyone in the audience.

The Public Forum was declared closed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Kruger, Betsy Reithemeyer, Gary Townzen, Marge Wolf, Clay Kendall, Jerry Carmichael, Barney Hayes, and Mandy Brashear were present.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges, Police Captain Jonathan Best, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Deputy Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Fire Captain Cliff Thompson, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Director of Human Resources Thomas Dunlap, Parks and Recreation Director Jim White, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Facilities Manager David Hook, Community Development Director John McCurdy, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Planning Commissioners: Kevin Jensen, Eriks Zvers, John Schmelzle, Public Relations Specialist Hanna Lairy, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**  
(February 11, 2020)

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020 as submitted.

Voice vote: Yes. ***Motion carried.***

**Approves** the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading and by title only.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(Agenda Item #1)

**RES. R20-12** Naming The New Training Tower Located At The Rogers Fire Department Training Facility

The ordinance was introduced by Wolf and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Wolf, chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

Chief Jenkins introduced Chief Ken Riley, who retired in 1999, after serving as the Fire Chief of Rogers for 17 years, from 1982-1999. Jenkins provided that Chief Riley has been one of our most distinguished Fire Chiefs and the one with the most strategic impact and is responsible for the foundation and the many accolades the fire department celebrates today. Jenkins asked for the council’s support in naming the new 6-story Burn Building and Training Center in honor of the remarkable Fire Chief Ken Riley by naming the new facility after him. The Mayor expressed his support.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

Jenkins also provided that a formal naming ceremony will be held.

(Agenda Item #2)

**ORD. #20-18** Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Repair Of Fire Station #2; Allowing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract For The Repairs With Crossland Construction Company, Inc. Of Rogers, Arkansas

The ordinance was introduced by Wolf and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Wolf, chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

Chief Jenkins explained that repairs are needed to Fire Station #2 as a result of the damage from the 2019 tornado which caused a fire and some roof damage.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinance pass?"  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clause pass?"  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #3)

**ORD. #20-19** Amending Ordinance No. 20-17; Correcting Language In Section 3 Of Ordinance No. 20-17

The ordinance was introduced by Brashear and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Brashear, chair of the Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a "Do pass" and recognized Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges.

Bridges stated that this Ordinance is to correct the emergency clause language contained in Ord. #20-17, which mistakenly referenced a different item rather than the item that was the subject of the Ordinance.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinance pass?"  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clause pass?"  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #4)

**RES. R20-13** Amending The 2020 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) To Account #100-01-70981 Storm Damage

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended

a “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

Wilhelm reported the request is to cover the cost of the repairs need for Fire Station #2 and some other small repairs due to damage caused by the 2019 tornado.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #5)

**RES. R20-14** Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Grant Two Easements To Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation, Pursuant To And Authorized By A.C.A. §14-54-302

The resolution was introduced by Carmichael and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment and Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

Chief Jenkins explained that that associated with the construction of the Fire Station #8 Project, an easement is needed for the utility and to allow for future infrastructure growth.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #6)

**ORD. #20-20** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From RMF-6b PUD To RMF-6b – Mill Creek Manor

The ordinance was introduced by Carmichael and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment and Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Bill Watkins.

Watkins informed the purpose is to be able to construct an entrance drive across the subject property, to provide access to a development to the south. The driveway would be a violation of the current PUD, so the request is to take it out of the PUD. Watkins informed that it was unanimously supported by Planning Commission and also by staff.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

The ordinance was introduced by Carmichael and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment and Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Director of Community Development John McCurdy.

McCurdy explained that this would change the way we regulate transitional housing. This change would have us look at use rather than the occupants, and would bolster the Group Residential use, which would still be a conditional use. Anytime more than 4 unrelated people living in a structure and sharing a kitchen, this would be treated like a fraternity, dormitory, monastery, or similar, and would have the same criteria applied as any residential multi-family development. So, therefore it would be in higher intensity use areas as shown on the Comprehensive Growth Map and growth designations and be along major roads, near major intersections and accessible to facilities and other public services.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #7)

**ORD. #20-21** Amending Various Sections Of Chapter 14 Of The City Of Rogers Code Of Ordinances

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. *The emergency clause is adopted.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(Agenda Item #1)

**ORD. #20-22**

Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-SF To R-O At 1712 & 1716 W. Walnut St. – Tri State Optical

The ordinance was introduced by Carmichael and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment and Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Daniel Landis.

Landis explained that they are requesting to combine two residential lots into one lot and put in a small medical clinic.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. *The ordinance is adopted.*

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”  
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. *The emergency clause is adopted.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

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C. Greg Hines, Mayor